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## SPECIFICATION FOR FLEXIBLE SHAFTS

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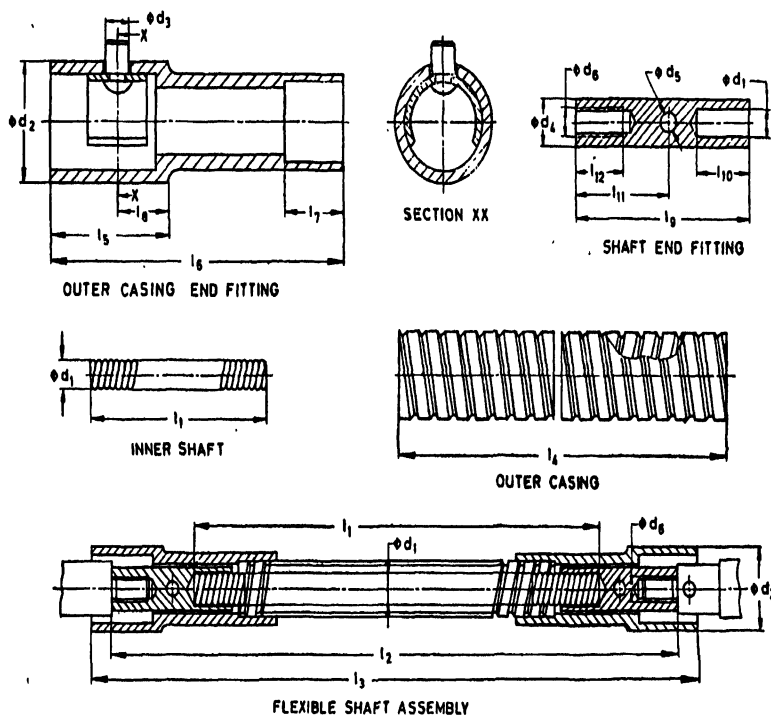


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TABLE 1 DIMENSIONS OF TYPE A FLEXIBLE SHAFT ASSEMBLY AND PARTS

( Clause 4.1.1 )

All dimensions in millimetres.



Sl. No.	DESIGNATION	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$	$l_1$	$l_2$	$l_3$	$l_4$	$l_5$	$l_6$	$l_7$	$l_8$	$l_9$	$l_{10}$	$l_{11}$	$l_{12}$
1	7 × 1 500	7	20	6	9	3	M 6	1 500	—	—	1 470	40	133	36	13	35	10	19	12
2	7 × 2 000	7	20	6	9	3	M 6	2 000	—	—	1 220	40	133	36	13	35	10	19	12
3	10 × 1 500	10	28	8	12	4.5	M 10	1 500	1 570	1 610	1 460	40	133	36	13	50	15	27	17
4	10 × 2 000	10	28	8	12	4.5	M 10	2 000	2 070	2 110	1 960	40	133	36	13	50	15	27	17
5	12 × 1 500	12	28	8	14	4.5	M 10	1 500	1 570	1 590	1 450	40	133	36	13	55	20	27	17
6	12 × 2 000	12	28	8	14	4.5	M 10	2 000	2 070	2 090	1 950	40	133	36	13	55	20	27	17
7	15 × 2 000	15	34	8	18	6.5	M 10	2 000	2 090	2 114	1 930	40	133	36	13	70	25	35	22
8	15 × 3 000	15	34	8	18	6.5	M 10	3 000	3 090	3 114	2 930	40	133	36	13	70	25	35	22
9	20 × 2 000	20	40	8	23	6.5	M 14	2 000	2 090	2 114	1 920	40	133	36	13	75	30	35	22
10	20 × 3 000	20	40	8	23	6.5	M 14	3 000	3 090	3 114	2 920	40	133	36	13	75	30	35	22

( Clause 4.1.2 )

**All dimensions in millimetres.**



Diagnosis	$d_1$	$d_2$	$d_3$	$d_4$	$d_5$	$d_6$	$d_7$	$d_8$	$d_9$	$d_{10}$	$d_{11}$	$d_{12}$	$d_{13}$	$d_{14}$	$d_{15}$	$d_{16}$	$d_{17}$	$d_{18}$	$d_{19}$	$d_{20}$											
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20 x 3 000	20	40	8	23 <sup>0</sup>	7	M 14	40	8	—	—	—	3 000	3 086	3 110	2 960	43	110	35	16	73	30	33	23	110	43	35	27	—	—	—	—

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## SPECIFICATION FOR FLEXIBLE SHAFTS

### 0. FOREWORD

**0.1** This Indian Standard was adopted by the Indian Standards Institution on 15 May 1968, after the draft finalized by the Transmission Devices Sectional Committee had been approved by the Mechanical Engineering Division Council.

**0.2** This standard has been prepared with a view to achieving uniformity in the manufacture and easy interchangeability of parts of flexible shafts.

**0.3** Flexible shafts make it possible to transmit power or to provide remote control between any two points with a single self-contained element, regardless of the relative position of the two points or obstacles on the path between them.

**0.4** For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with, the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test, shall be rounded off in accordance with IS : 2-1960\*. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

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### 1. SCOPE

**1.1** This standard covers the requirements and principal dimensions of flexible shafts for industrial purposes.

### 2. TERMINOLOGY

**2.0** For the purpose of this standard, the following definitions shall apply.

**2.1 Inner Shaft** — The bare working element without end fittings.

**2.2 Shaft End Fittings** — Parts for fastening to the ends of the inner shaft by means of which the flexible shaft assembly is connected to the driving and driven elements.

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\*Rules for rounding off numerical values ( *revised* ).

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**2.3 Inner Shaft Assembly**—The inner shaft with end fittings attached, or one with integrally formed squares.

**2.4 Outer Casing**—A flexible covering in the form of tube which acts as a runway or guide for the inner shaft, protects it from dirt and injury, assists in retaining lubrication and prevents formation of loops in operation.

**2.5 Outer Casing End Fittings**—Parts used for fastening to the ends of the outer casing, by means of which the outer casing is connected or coupled to the driving and driven elements (*see* Fig. 1).

**2.6 Outer Casing Assembly**—The outer casing with end fittings attached.

**2.7 Flexible Shaft Assembly**—A combination of inner shaft assembly and co-ordinated outer casing assembly. Practically all applications of the flexible shaft require a flexible shaft assembly.

**2.8 End Stiffener**—A member helically wound and slipped over either end of the outer casing to prevent excessive bend of the shaft near the ends.

**2.9 Lay of the Shaft**—The pitch direction of the outer layer of shaft. Depending upon the direction of lay, shaft shall be specified as right lay or left lay.

**2.10 Direction of Rotation**—The direction which tightens up the outer layer of the inner shaft.

## **3. MATERIALS AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES**

**3.1 Inner Shaft**—The inner shaft shall be made of spring steel according to IS: 727-1964\*.

**3.2 Outer Casing**—The outer casing shall have an inner liner of suitable steel having a minimum tensile strength of 120 kgf/mm<sup>2</sup> with rolled rounded edge.

## **4. DIMENSIONS**

**4.1** The dimensions of flexible shaft assembly and their parts shall be as given in Table 1 (*see* Fig. 1).

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\*Specification for hard drawn carbon steel wire for springs for general engineering purposes (*revised*). ( Since withdrawn ).

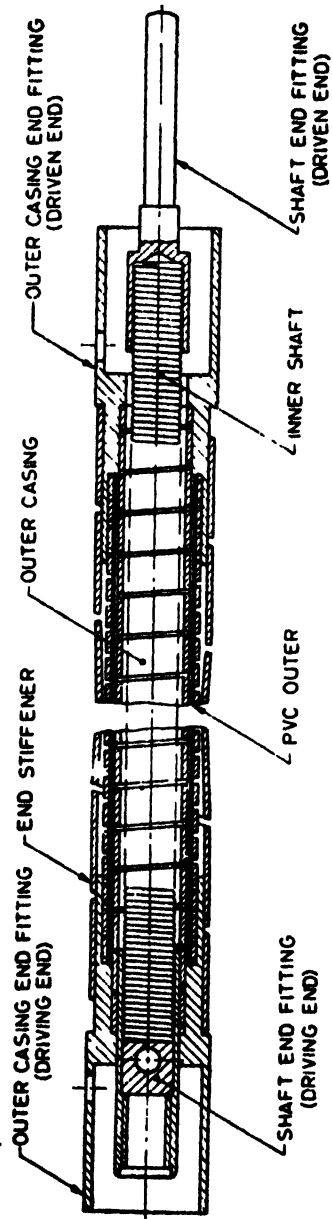
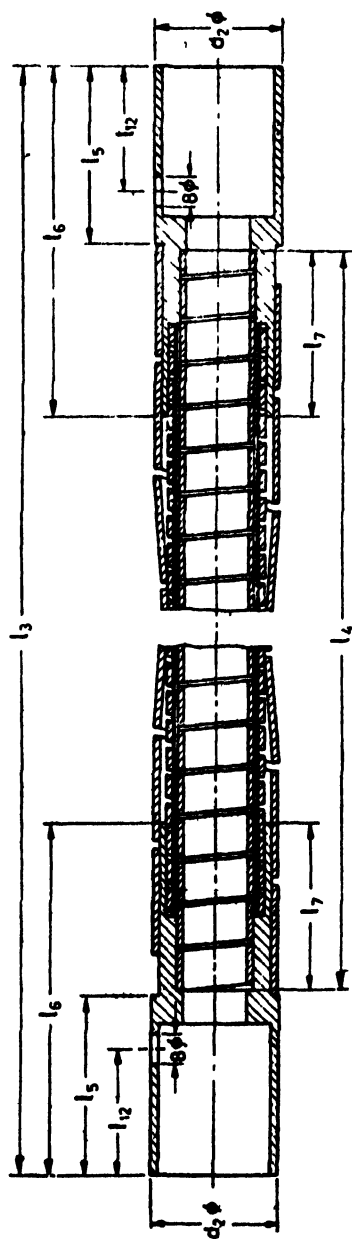


FIG. 1 FLEXIBLE SHAFT ASSEMBLY

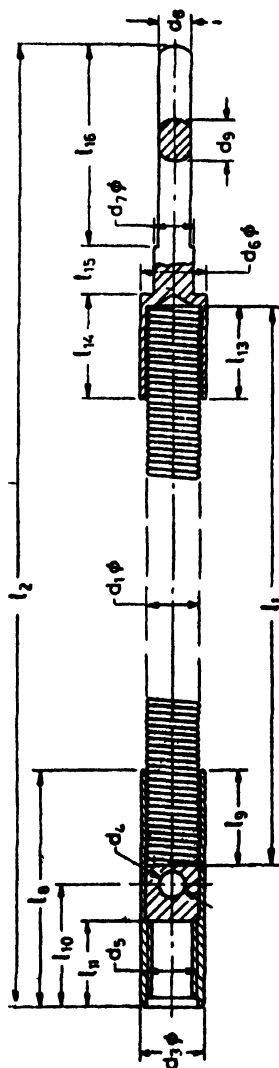
TABLE 1 DIMENSIONS FOR FLEXIBLE SHAFTS

(Clause 4.1)

All dimensions in millimetres.



OUTER CASING ASSEMBLY



INNER SHAFT ASSEMBLY



## **5. DESIGNATION**

**5.1** Flexible shaft assembly shall be designated by the commonly known name, a letter 'L' or 'R' representing left lay or right lay of the outer layer of the inner shaft, by the diameter of the inner shaft, length of the inner shaft and the number of this standard.

*Example:*

A flexible shaft having left lay as the outer layer of the inner shaft with inner shaft diameter of 12 mm and length 2 000 mm shall be designated as:

Flexible Shaft L. 12 × 2 000 IS : 4600

## **6. TESTS**

**6.1 Visual Inspection**—The shaft shall be inspected for obvious flaws, kinks, bends, looseness, etc.

**6.2 Roll Test**—A length of about 1 000 mm or more is taken, and is laid on the floor in a slight curve of about 10 metres diameter and rolled back and forth at the centre by foot. The shaft shall roll smoothly throughout its length without offering resistance and without jerking or flapping about. The extreme ends may flap a little.

**6.3 Locking Diameter Test**—The flexible shaft assembly is looped and the junction is held in hand. One end of the flexible shaft is pulled so as to reduce the diameter of the loop until the shaft assembly is felt to offer considerable resistance. The diameter of the loop is then measured. It shall be within 20 times the diameter of the inner shaft. The loop shall be as nearly circular as possible and there shall not be any obvious difference in the radius of curvature at two adjacent points.

## **7. MARKING**

**7.1** All shafts shall be marked with the manufacturer's name or trade-mark with designation of the shafts.

**7.1.1** Flexible shafts may also be marked with the ISI Certification Mark.

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**Alterations**

*(Page 4, clause 3.1, line 2) - Substitute  
'IS:4454(Part I)-1975\*' for 'IS:727-1964\*'.*

*(Page 4, foot-note with '\*' mark) - Substitute  
the following for the existing foot-note:*

**'\*Specification for cold formed springs : Part I  
Patented and cold drawn steel wires - unalloyed.'**

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## AMENDMENT NO. 3      JULY 1985

TO

### IS : 4600 - 1968 SPECIFICATION FOR FLEXIBLE SHAFTS

( *Page 5, Fig. 1* ) — Delete 'PVC OUTER' from Fig. 1.

( *Page 4, clauses 4 and 4.1* ) — Substitute the following for the existing clause:

#### **4. DIMENSIONS**

4.1 The dimensions of flexible shaft assembly covered in this standard are of two types, namely, Type A and Type B as given below.

4.1.1 *Type A* — Threaded shaft end fittings on both ends with the outer casing sliding at the driving end. The dimensions of Type A flexible shaft assembly and their parts shall be as given in Table 1.

4.1.2 *Type B* — Fixed outer casing end fittings on both ends and sliding shaft end fittings at the driven end. The dimensions of Type B flexible shaft assembly and their parts shall be as given in Table 2.